

Soviet spokesman would not reveal details. Neither would Secretary Shultz. But Shultz spoke approvingly of its presentation.

SECRETARY SHULTZ: It is something that comes forward. It's different from what they have been saying. Combined with what we have on the table, we hope that can lead to a process of genuine negotiations. So we welcome that.

DONALDSON: Details of the plan aside, Shultz stressed that the U. S. intended to go ahead with star wars research and testing. And after seeing Shevardnadze off after lunch, President Reagan made the same point. But he also said the meeting had been worthwhile.

PRESIDENT REAGAN: There's always progress when you're talking to each other, and we were talking to each other.

DONALDSON: U. S. officials are pleased that after weeks of public relations' posturing, the Soviets have actually put something new on the table. But they're also wary. The fine print could render all of this meaningless. And then there's star wars. As long as both sides stick to their public positions, there can be no deal.

Sam Donaldson, ABC News, the White House.

JENNINGS: As an indication of how well things apparently have gone today, after the meeting Secretary Shultz

appears he has been talking about possible Soviet penetration of the CIA.

JOHN SCALI: Amidst a flood of sensational rumors, it was disclosed today that a former CIA official has been named by a Soviet defector as a possible Soviet mole who supplied Moscow with secret information. The new accusation about possible penetration of the CIA comes from Vitaliy Urchenko, the high-ranking Soviet KGB defector who is now being questioned by CIA experts.

Authorities familiar with what he has said so far say the American that he has named is relatively low level in rank. His present whereabouts are unknown.

This information became known only a few hours after the Justice Department and the CIA stoutly denied that any present CIA employee has been identified as a Soviet agent.

The ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, Patrick Leahy, immediately backed up the CIA's denial.

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY: Well, the CIA says that there are no present employees fingered by this person as KGB agents, and I know of no reason to disbelieve that.

SCALI: Leahy, who has been given detailed briefings by the CIA, emphasized the importance of Urchenko's defection to the West.

SENATOR LEAHY: It's caused a real body blow to the KGB. They must be in sheer panic over there in Moscow. They don't know how much further it might go.

SCALI: Some top U. S. officials believe that Soviet leader Gorbachev soon will take personal charge of repairing the damage, probably by ordering a top-to-bottom shake-up of the KGB leadership.

John Scali, ABC News.

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KGB Defection

JENNINGS: Last night we reported that a top Soviet KGB official had defected to the West and was being questioned by American agents. Now as ABC's John Scali reports, it

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